FIG. 1

THE PRACTICE OF SURGICAL PATHOLOGY
Conventional Pathway From Surgery to Tissue Diagnosis

DAY 1

Surgery → "grossing" → batching of specimens → batched specimens input into processor → overnight processing

DAY 2

Batched specimens output from processor → block → microtomy → H&E stain → diagnosis

INTERVAL OF TIME FROM SURGERY TO DIAGNOSIS:>22 HOURS

FIG. 2

THE PRACTICE OF SURGICAL PATHOLOGY

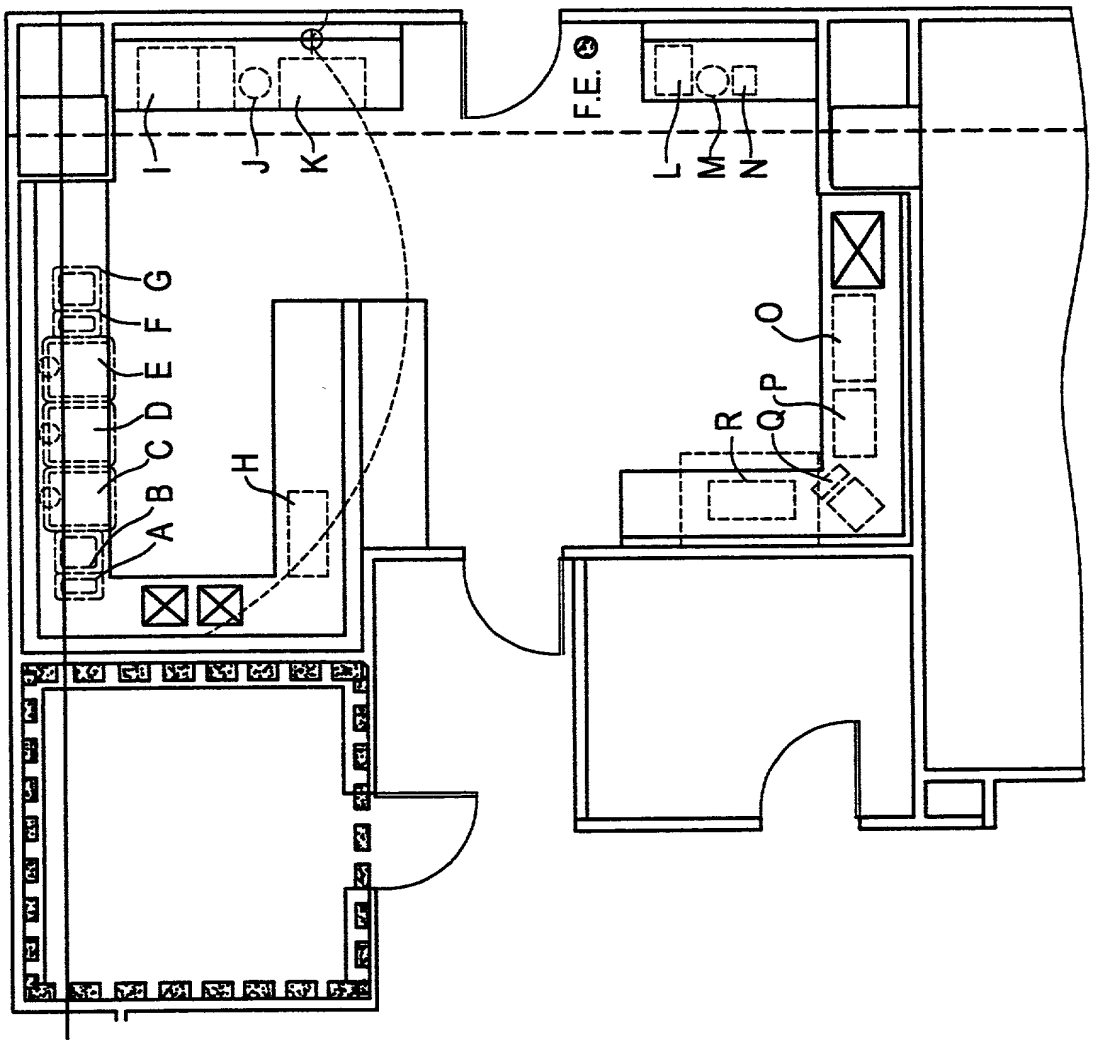
Continuous Throughput Method-Pathway From Surgery to Tissue Diagnosis

DAY 1

Surgery → "grossing" → continuous every 15 min specimens input into 45 min processing system → continuous every 15 min output of specimens from system → block → microtomy → H&E stain → diagnosis

INTERVAL OF TIME FROM SURGERY TO DIAGNOSIS:<2 HOURS

FIG. 3



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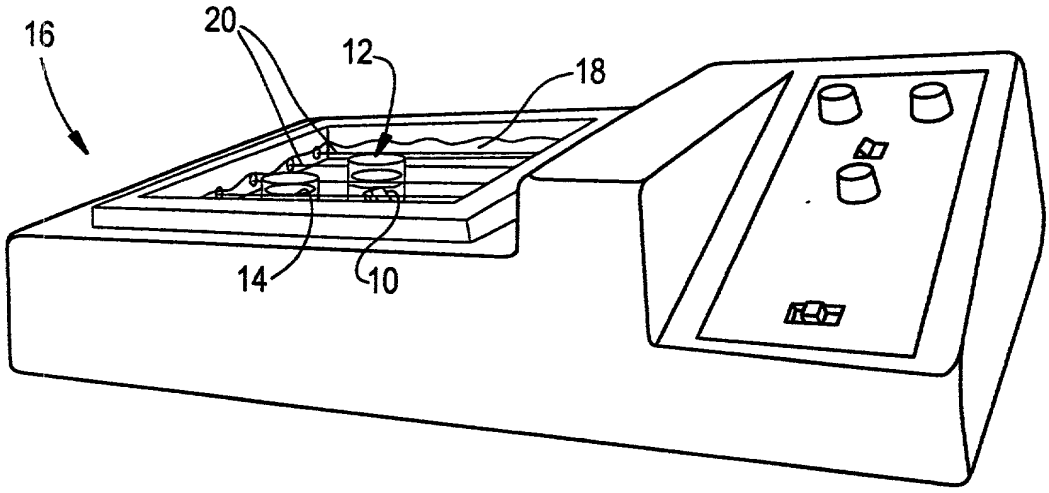

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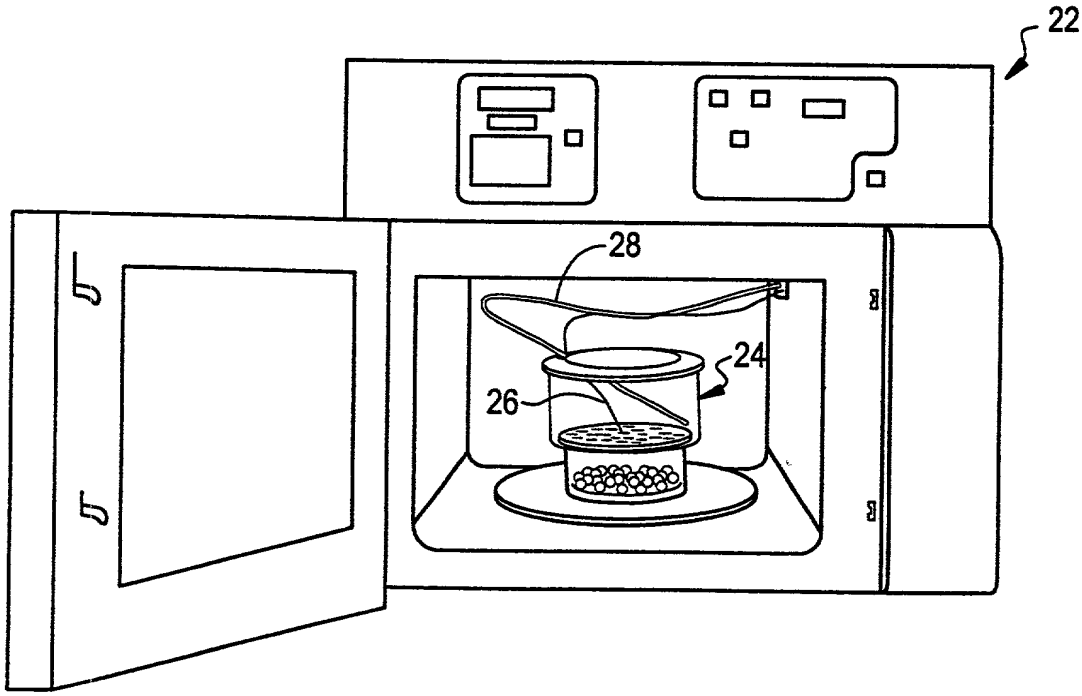

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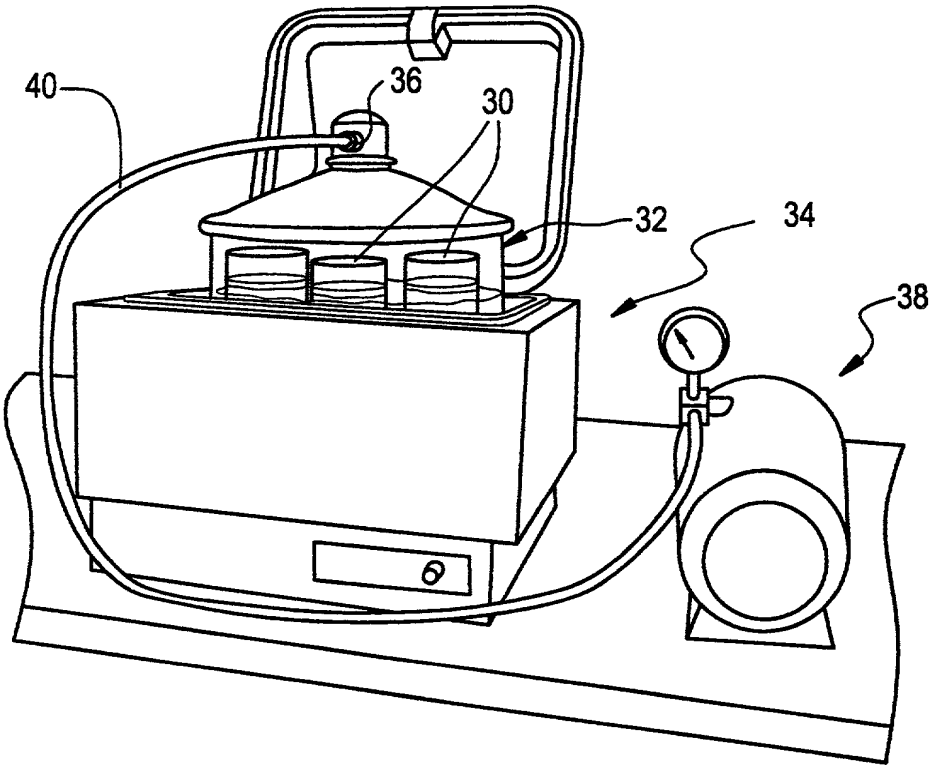

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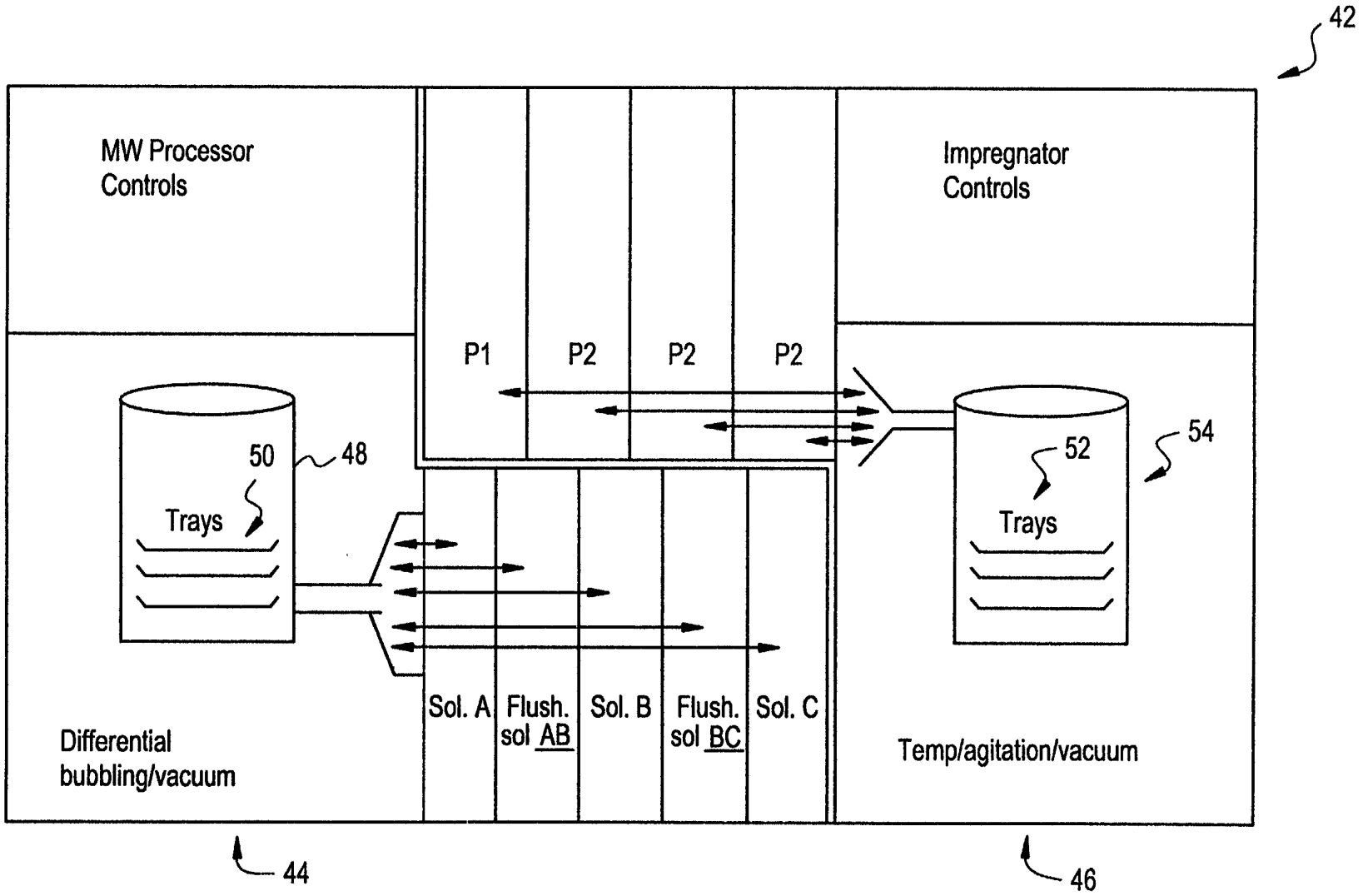

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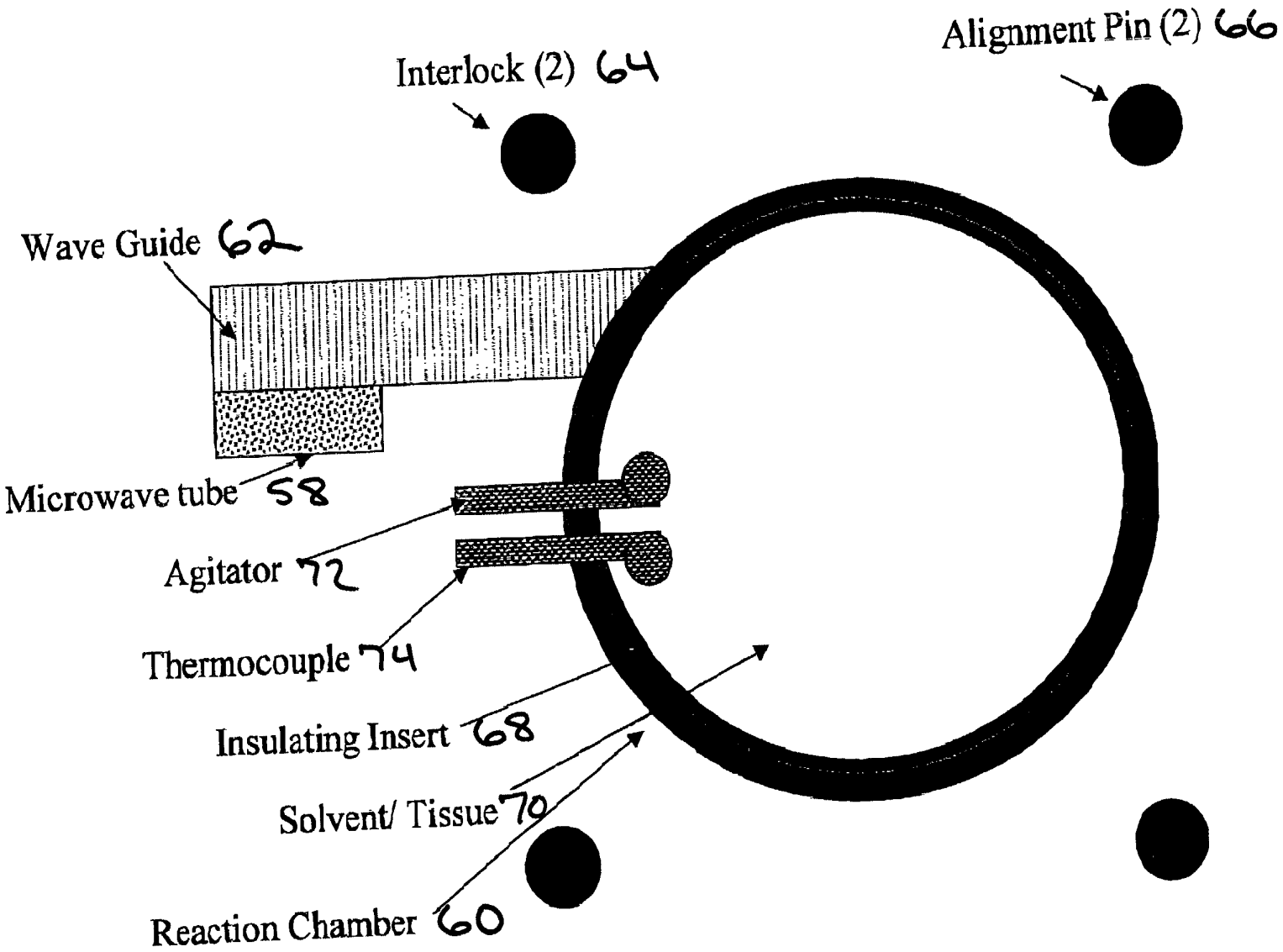

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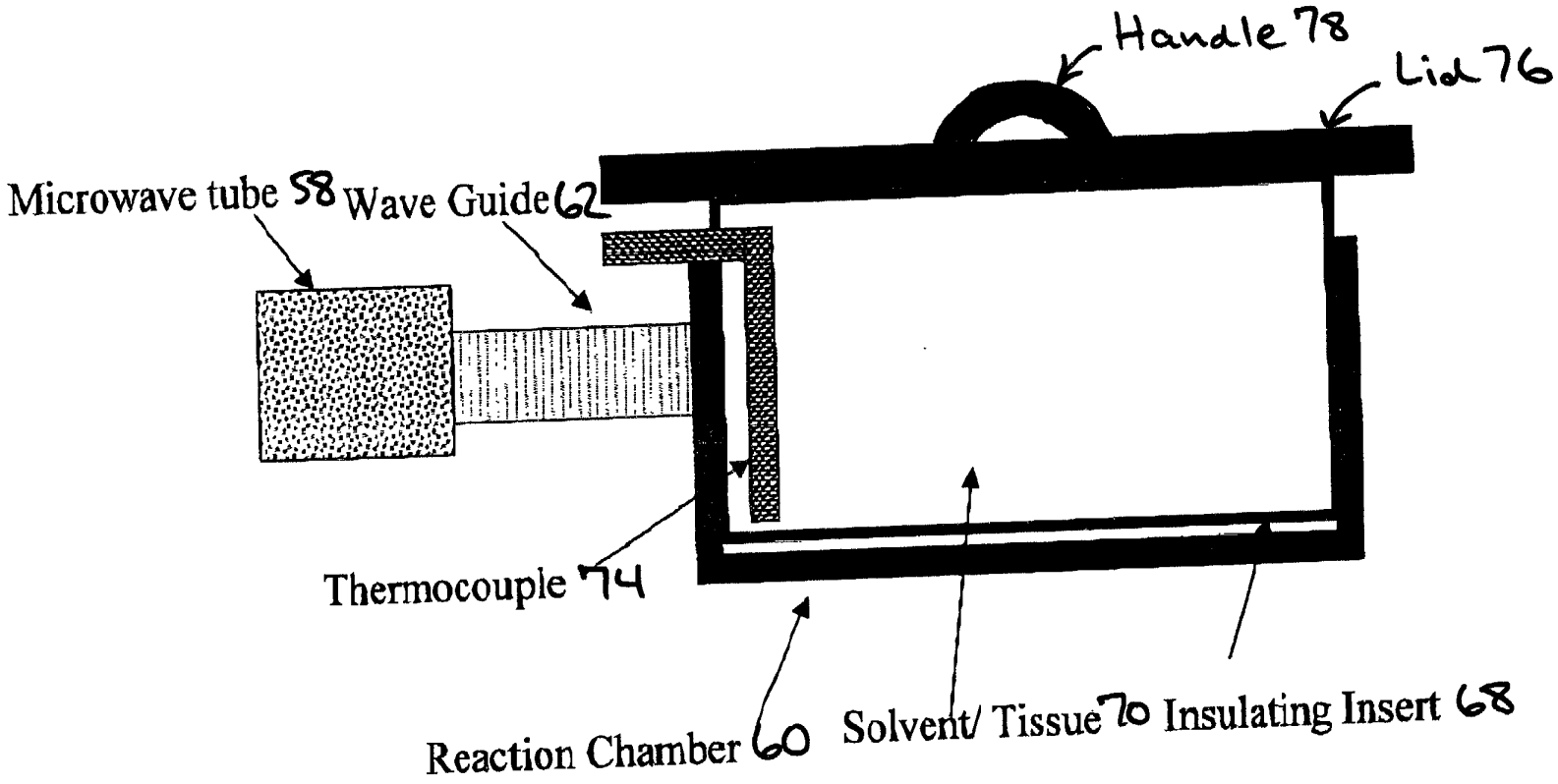
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Lid 76
Microwave tube 58
Wave Guide 62
Thermocouple 74
Reaction Chamber 60
Solvent/ Tissue 70
Insulating Insert 68

Fig 8 C

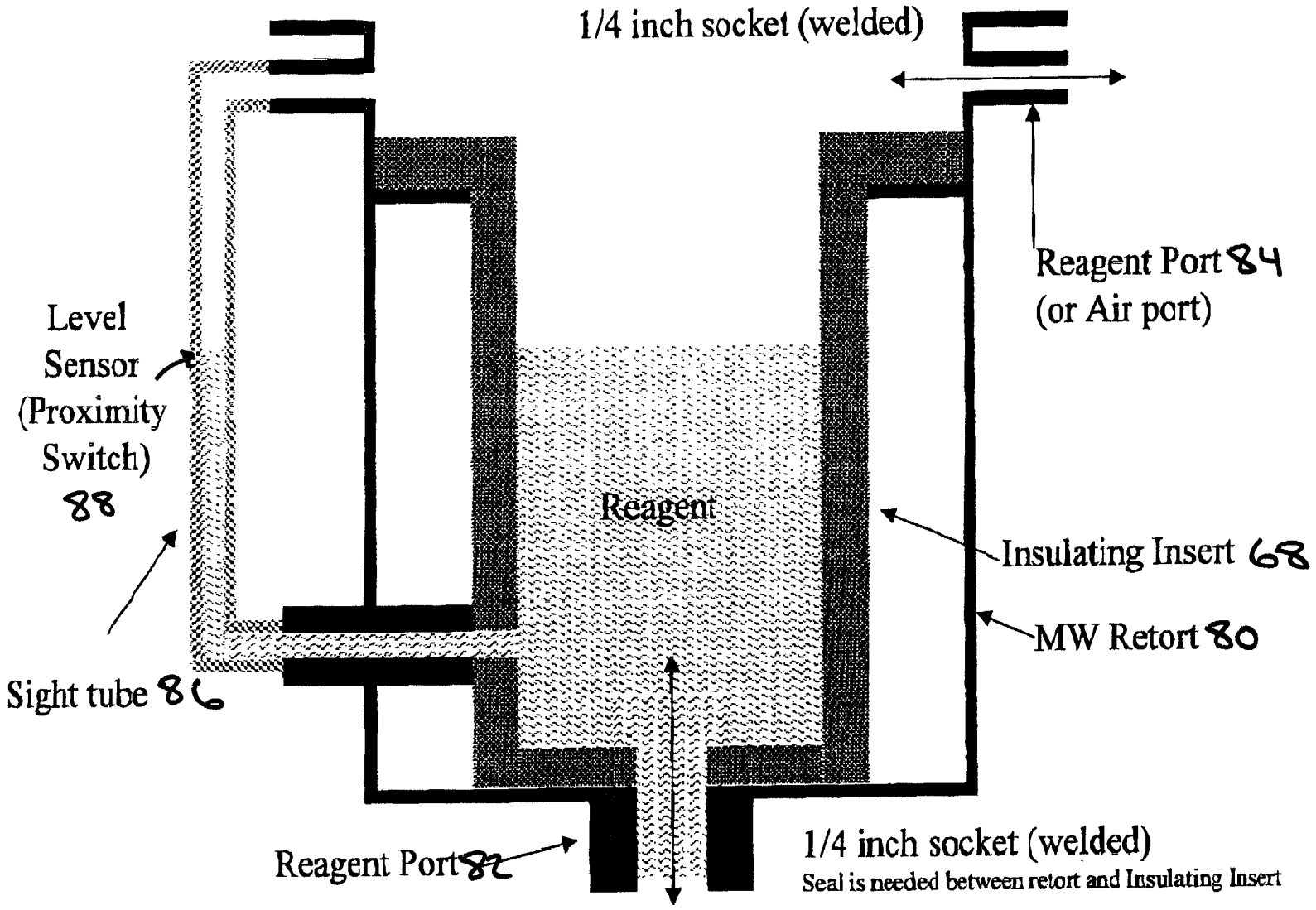
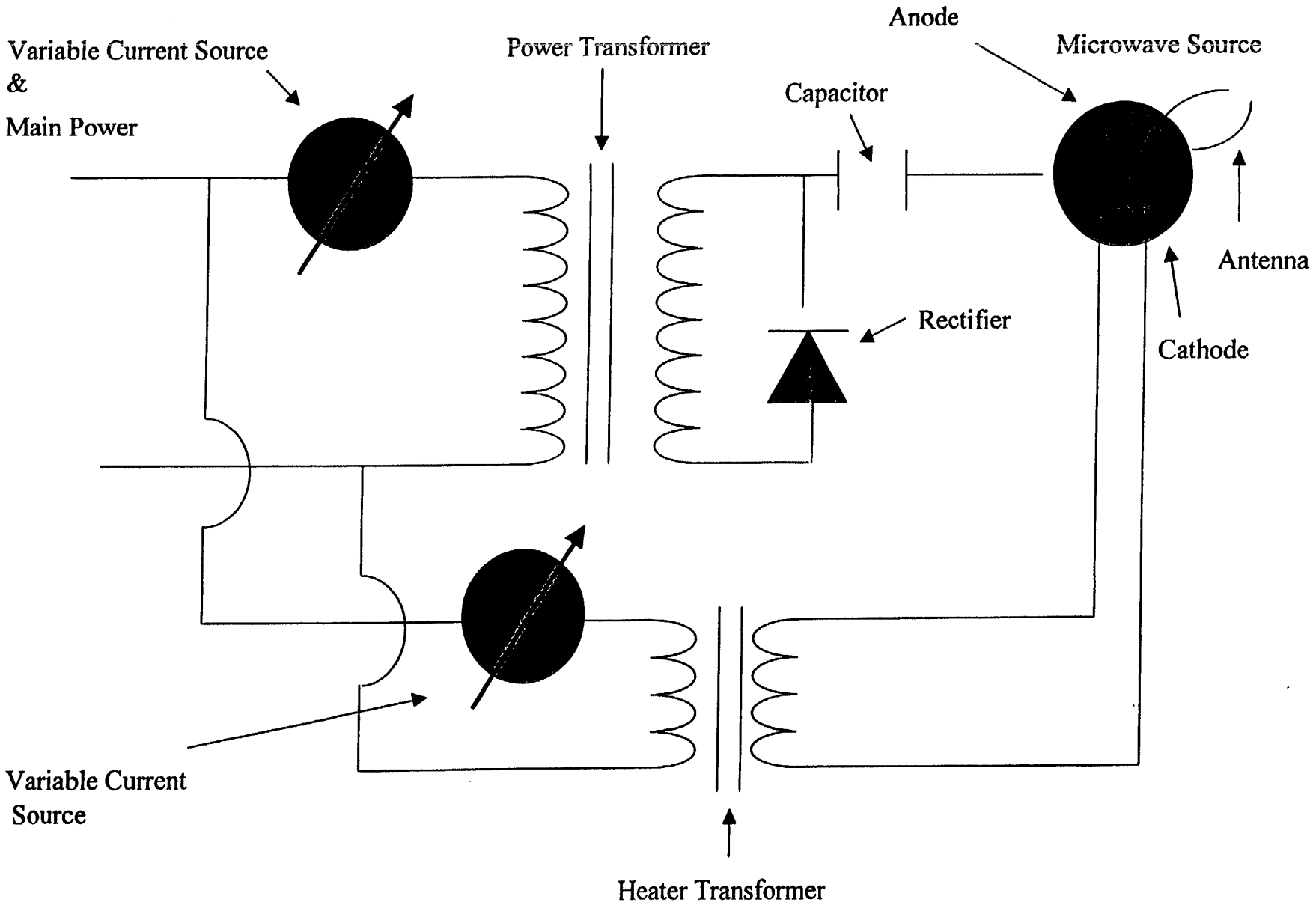

1/4 inch socket (welded)
Reagent Port 84
(or Air port)
Level
Sensor
(Proximity
Switch)
88
Reagent
Insulating Insert 68
MW Retort 80
Sight tube 86
Reagent Port 82
1/4 inch socket (welded)
Seal is needed between retort and Insulating Insert

Fig 9



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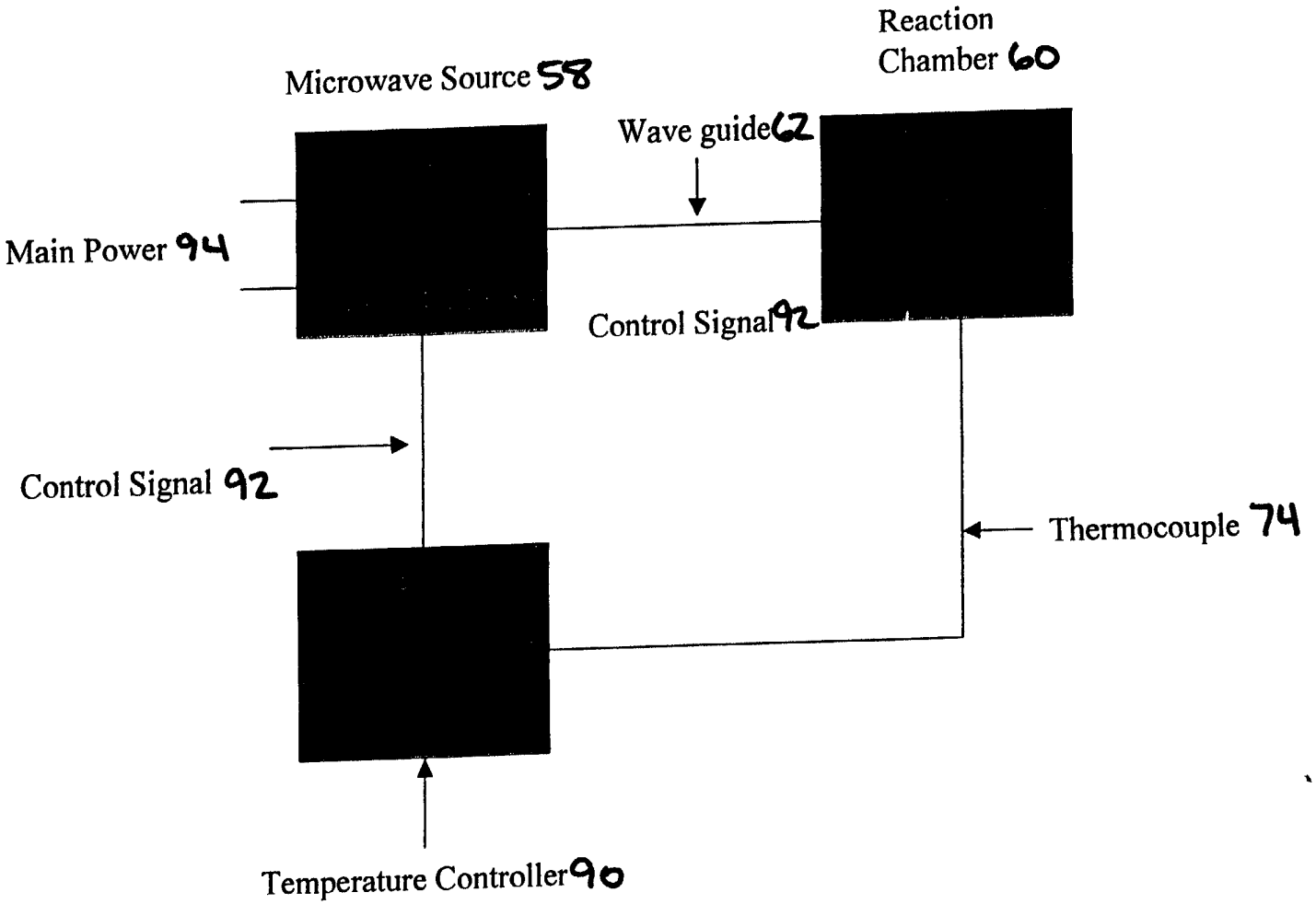
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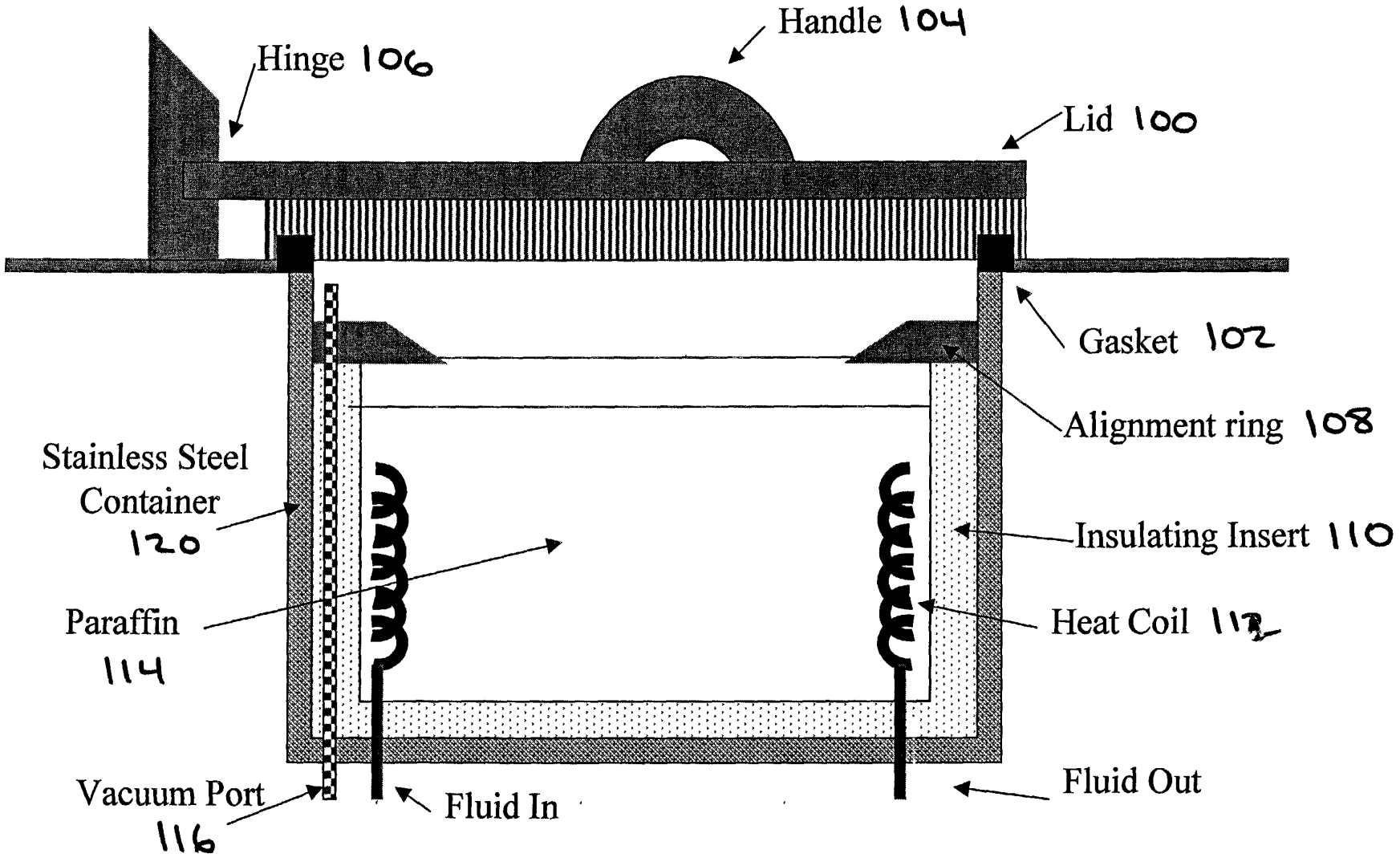
Microwave Source 58
Wave guide 62
Main Power 94
Control Signal 92
Control Signal 92
Thermocouple 74
Temperature Controller 90

Fig 11
Impregnation Station



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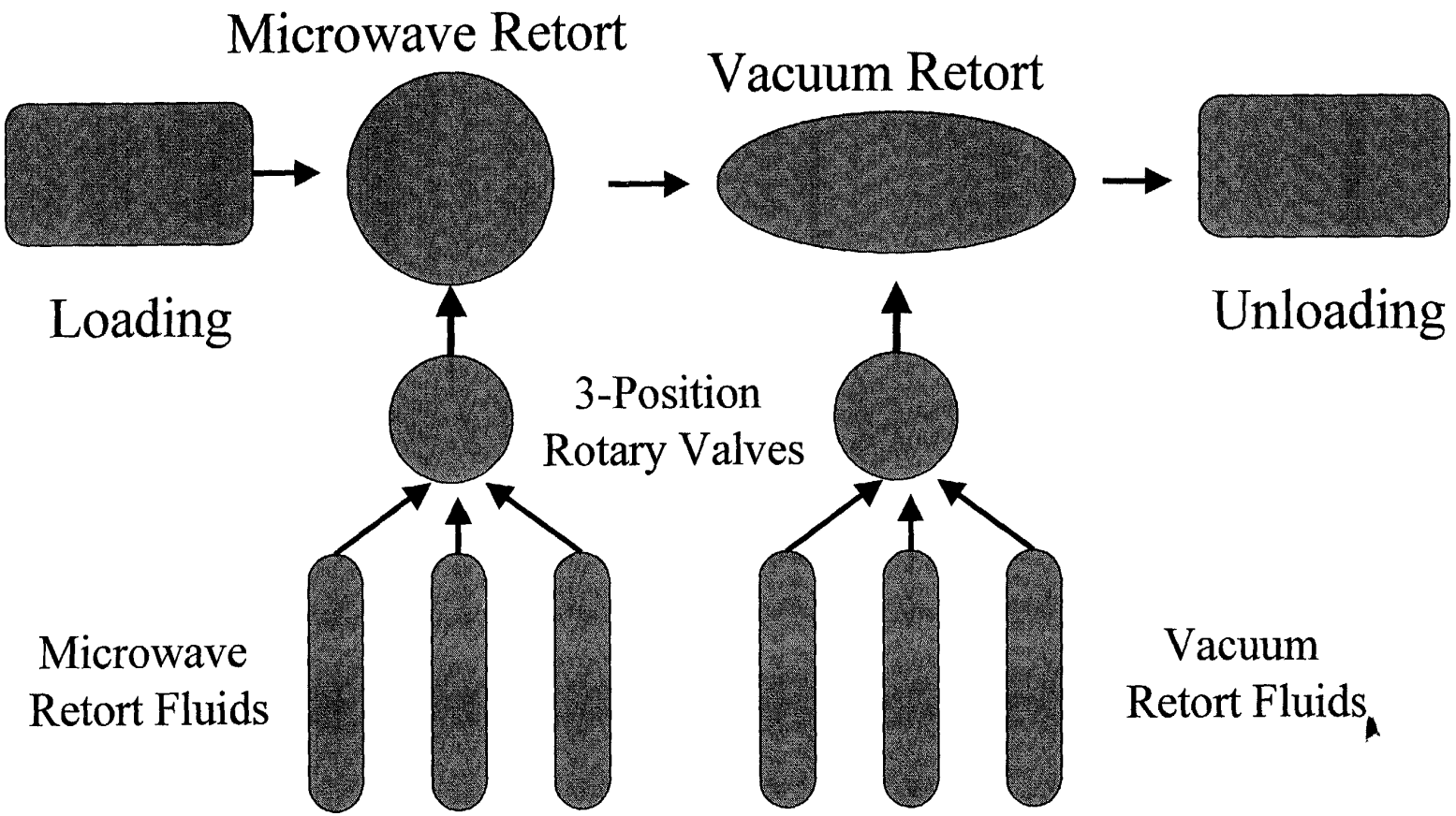
Microwave Retort
Vacuum Retort
Loading
Unloading
3-Position
Rotary Valves
Microwave
Retort Fluids
Vacuum
Retort Fluids

Fig 13